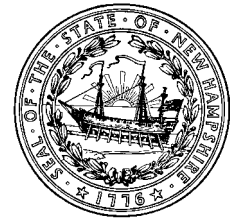


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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – March 16, 2021

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Tuesday, March 16, 2021, DHHS announced 286 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 2.7%. Today's results include 115 people who tested positive by PCR test and 171 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 2,074 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

- **3/15: 286** new cases

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are fifty-five individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 46% being female and 54% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (106), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (44), Merrimack (19), Strafford (17), Grafton (11), Carroll (10), Belknap (7), Cheshire (7), Coos (5), and Sullivan (3) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (30) and Nashua (11). The county of residence is being determined for sixteen new cases.

Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Of those with complete risk information, most of the cases have had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.

DHHS has also announced three additional deaths related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends.

- 2 female residents of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Merrimack County, 60 years of age and older

There are currently 66 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 79,070 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated March 16, 2021, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	79,070
Recovered	75,794 (96%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	1,202 (2%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	2,074
Current Hospitalizations	66
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	642,563

Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests₂ 38,211

Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL 69,504

Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL₃ 224

₁Includes specimens positive at any laboratory and those confirmed by CDC confirmatory testing.

₂Includes specimens tested at the NH Public Health Laboratories (PHL), LabCorp, Quest, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and those sent to CDC prior to NH PHL testing capacity.

₃Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH PHL. Does not include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Update

Allocation Summary through Sunday, March 14, 2021 – First Doses Only

Phase	Doses allocated to date	Estimated persons in group	% of needed amount allocated
Phase 1a	112,915	112,915	100%
Phase 1b	186,645	325,000	57%
Phase 2a	10,210	55,000	19%
State reserve for outbreaks or emergency needs	1,100	1,100	100%
Total	310,870	494,015	63%

Vaccine Doses Allocated, Distributed, and Administered by Vaccination Site Group

Vaccination Sites	Doses Available for Site to Order ¹	Doses Distributed ²	Total Doses Administered to Patients ³	First Doses ⁴	Second Doses
Hospitals	99,895	87,292	95,468	55,815	39,653
Long-term care pharmacy partnership program*	54,015	51,675	48,310	26,048	22,262
State-managed fixed sites	225,355	227,409	225,910	162,625	63,285
Regional public health network mobile sites	67,980	35,988	30,162	21,567	8,595
Retail Pharmacy**	40,690	40,690	23,537	20,225	3,312
Supersites	11,600	11,480	11,429	11,429	0
Other	12,350	5,700	4,467	3,981	486
Total	511,885	460,234	439,283	301,690	137,593

¹ Doses available for site to order are the number of first and second doses that have been made available to the site to order.

² Doses distributed are the number of first and second doses that the site has ordered and received at their location. Orders are based on clinic schedules and average uptake of vaccine by participants.

³ Doses administered may exceed the number of doses distributed due to the ability to get extra doses out of a vial, depending on the type of syringe used.

⁴ Includes the single-dose Janssen Biotech vaccine.

* The LTCF PPP is a federal program that sends pharmacies into LTCF to vaccinate residents and staff. In order for LTCF to access this program in New Hampshire, NH DHHS was required by the CDC to allocate a fixed number of doses to guarantee that pharmacies would have enough vaccine to complete vaccination administration within a four-week time frame. This program remains on schedule as originally anticipated and will be continually monitored to ensure completeness.

**Retail Pharmacy: Includes doses allocated to the State of NH that were distributed to a Pharmacy in addition to doses allocated directly from the federal government to the federal retail pharmacy partnership program.

Vaccine Doses Distributed and Administered by Vaccination Site*

Vaccination Sites ¹	Doses Distributed ²	Total Doses Administered to Patients ³	First Doses ⁴	Second Doses
Hospitals				

Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital	865	867	465	402
Androscoggin Valley Hospital	3,720	3,893	2,873	1,020
Catholic Medical Center	4,070	4,313	2,201	2,112
Cheshire Medical Center	2,725	2,635	1,322	1,313
Concord Hospital	5,000	5,278	2,696	2,582
Cottage Hospital	385	412	213	199
Elliot Hospital	5,525	5,841	2,958	2,883
Encompass Health	255	274	147	127
Exeter Hospital	3,655	4,099	2,060	2,039
Frisbie Memorial Hospital	1,395	1,425	730	695
Hampstead Hospital	2,305	2,656	1,896	760
Huggins Hospital	4,440	4,162	3,042	1,120
Littleton Regional Hospital	3,589	5,188	3,933	1,255
Lakes Region General Hospital	6,242	6,850	4,529	2,321
Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital	15,027	16,574	8,641	7,933
Memorial Hospital	3,760	5,545	3,972	1,573
Monadnock Community Hospital	1,065	1,025	521	504
New London Hospital	685	711	363	348
New Hampshire Hospital	900	946	516	430
Northeast Rehab Hospital	1,290	1,310	666	644
Parkland Medical Center	1,130	1,155	582	573
Portsmouth Regional Hospital	2,875	3,110	1,594	1,516
Southern NH Medical Center	3,292	3,279	1,693	1,586
Speare Memorial Hospital	565	693	364	329
St. Joseph Hospital	2,542	2,536	1,298	1,238
Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital	1,505	1,497	1,133	364
Valley Regional Hospital	515	536	276	260
Weeks Medical Center	2,660	3,191	2,354	837
Wentworth Douglass Hospital	5,310	5,467	2,777	2,690
State-managed fixed sites				
State of NH- Capital Area	27,932	32,462	22,110	10,352
State of NH- Carroll County (closed Feb 2021)	2,460	1,509	1,175	334
State of NH- Central NH	9,236	8,067	6,318	1,749
State of NH- Greater Monadnock	17,150	20,456	15,490	4,966
State of NH- Greater Nashua	29,695	28,717	20,886	7,831
State of NH- Greater Sullivan	9,971	9,213	6,535	2,678
State of NH- Manchester	30,674	27,204	19,082	8,122
State of NH- North Country (closed Feb 2021)	1,580	746	594	152
State of NH- Seacoast	26,832	25,878	18,247	7,631
State of NH- South Central	29,048	29,168	20,374	8,794
State of NH- Strafford County	24,415	24,541	18,104	6,437
State of NH- Upper Valley	7,243	8,127	6,129	1,998
State of NH- Winnepesaukee	11,173	9,822	7,581	2,241

Regional Public Health Networks (RPHNs)				
Capital Area RPHN	3,295	3,190	1,601	1,169
Carroll County RPHN	1,145	1,810	1,170	640
Central NH RPHN	4,620	4,303	2,944	1,359
Greater Manchester RPHN	6,165	1,083	802	281
Greater Nashua RPHN	2,700	2,995	2,287	708
Greater Sullivan County RPHN	930	537	407	130
North Country RPHN	2,880	2,756	2,017	739
Seacoast RPHN	4,170	2,854	2,215	639
South Central RPHN	2,560	2,417	2,222	195
Strafford County RPHN	5,623	5,005	3,790	1,215
Upper Valley RPHN	2,710	2,651	1,854	797
Winnepesaukee RPHN	1,890	2,150	1,427	723
Supersites				
NH Motor Speedway, Loudon, NH – March 6, 7, 8	11,600	11,429	11,429	0

¹ Vaccine is distributed equitably across the state to vaccination sites based on a pro-rata share of vaccines available each week and population size of the region being served.

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Note: Data presented represent doses distributed and administered through March 14th, 2021.

Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

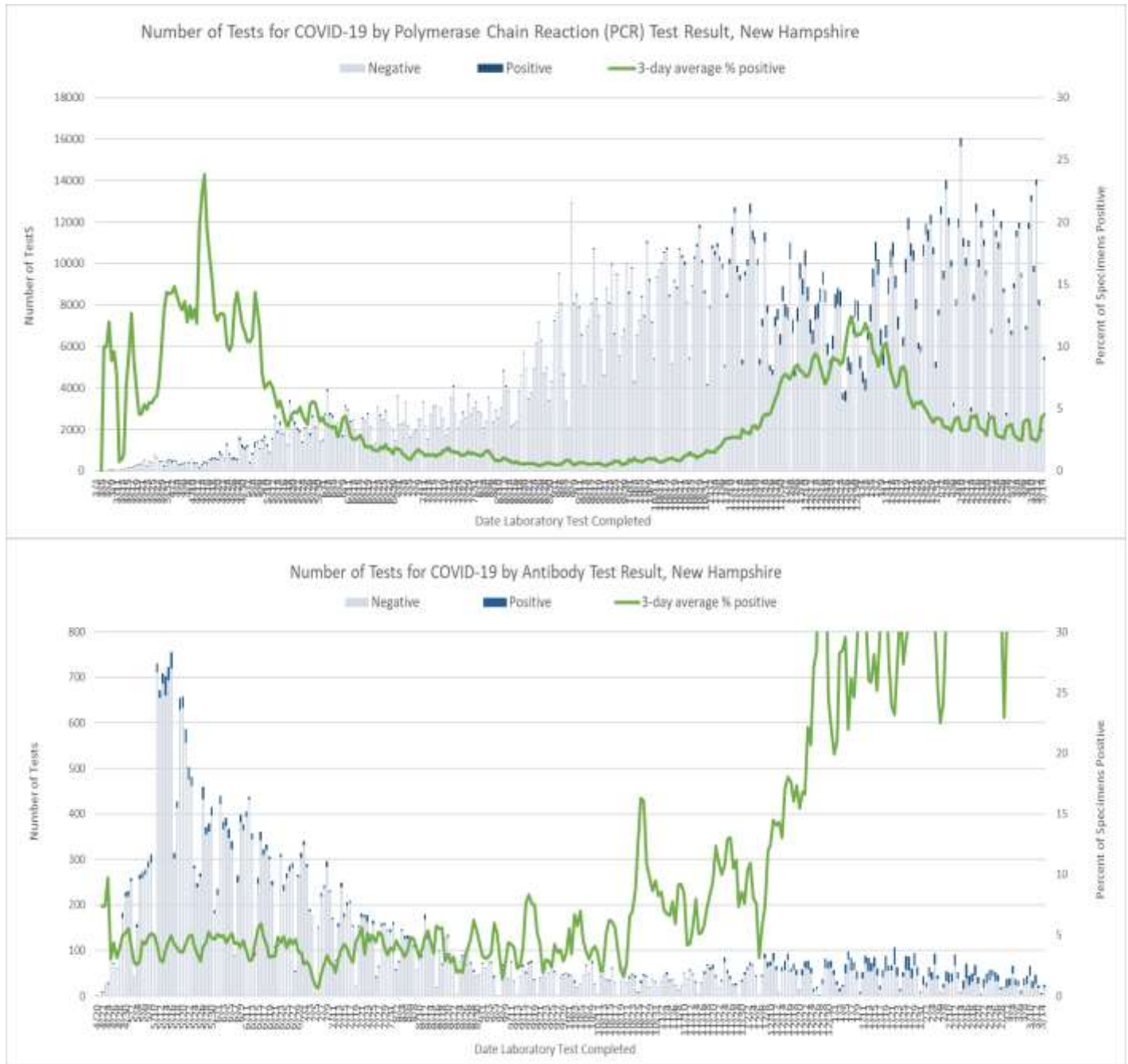
Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	3/09	3/10	3/11	3/12	3/13	3/14	3/15	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	184	363	363	545	362	0	52	267
LabCorp	599	577	488	541	470	216	358	464
Quest Diagnostics	464	754	584	457	442	350	256	472
Mako Medical	98	441	4	859	4	17	0	203
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	514	442	444	572	379	167	22	363
NorDX Laboratory	500	471	408	246	166	39	65	271
Broad Institute	4,744	4,961	2,593	5,961	3,932	736	548	3,354
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	488	688	430	410	230	259	290	399
Other Laboratory*	407	828	572	416	238	216	155	405
University of New Hampshire**	3,961	3,761	4,008	4,042	2,045	63	3,742	3,089
Total	11,959	13,286	9,894	14,049	8,268	2,063	5,488	9,287
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	3/09	3/10	3/11	3/12	3/13	3/14	3/15	Daily Average

LabCorp	7	15	7	14	9	0	4	8
Quest Diagnostics	14	24	11	8	5	0	4	9
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	6	13	0	7	3	1	0	4
NorDX Laboratory	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
Other Laboratory*	5	8	6	8	5	3	3	5
Total	33	60	24	37	22	4	14	28

* Includes out-of-state public health laboratories, out-of-state hospital laboratories, and other commercial laboratories not already listed in the table.

Note: Patients who had both antibody and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests are accounted for in both tables.

** Includes tests conducted at the UNH laboartory and their contracted lab Veritas.



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